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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

4.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1997/774 and S/1997/779)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

Consideration of the recommendations contained at the end of paras. 96, 101, 115 and 126 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP. 1, 2 and 3 as well as the Informal List of Measures and Proposals of 7 October 1997 were made available to members during the previous informal consultations.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security items (items 62 to 82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of Women [105] (A/52/3, A/52/38/Rev.1, A/52/337, A/52/352, A/52/326, A/52/356, A/52/355, A/52/408, A/52/300, A/52/116-S/1997/317, A/52/447-S/1997/775*, A/52/460*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106] (A/52/281, A/52/113-E/1997/18, A/52/447-S/1997/775*, A/52/460*)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [120] (A/51/11 and Corr.1)

Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [150] (A/AC.249/1997/L.5 and L.8/Rev.1)

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Resumed substantive session

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	404th meeting	Conference Room 8

Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conference Services (A/52/6 (Section 27E) and A/52/303) [4]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

2. Draft reports

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Third Committee on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women *today*, 21 October 1997, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 21 October 1997

AFRICAN GROUP: OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGENDA ITEM 157

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on macroeconomic policy questions: items 95 (c), (a) and (d) and 99 (b))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT ON NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on macroeconomic policy questions: items 95(a) and (d) and 99 (b))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MOVEMENT ON NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.4 *today*, 21 October 1997, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal meeting

There will be an open meeting of all delegations regarding co-sponsorship of the draft resolution of the First Committee on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction *today*, 21 October 1997, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will give all delegations the opportunity to be among the original co-sponsors of the draft resolution. It is intended that the draft resolution be presented to the Secretariat on behalf of all co-sponsors by the close of business *today*. Information packages on the Conference in Ottawa (2-4 December) will also be available at the meeting.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Division for the Advancement of Women on the preparation of an optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women *today*, 21 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All delegations and other interested persons are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 35th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique.
2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/392) [7].
3. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/440) [16 (b)].
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System [25]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/376);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.6).
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [31]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/377);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.2).
6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [33]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/378);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.3 and Corr.1).
7. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/374) [42].
8. Observer status for the Andean Community in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/52/L.5) [158].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

Mr. James Gustave Speth, Chairman, United Nations Development Group, will give a briefing on "United Nations Operational Activities in the 21st Century" on Wednesday, 22 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All interested members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Joint session of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board and the Second Committee

There will be a video-conference (Geneva-New York) on Thursday, 23 October 1997, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2, in connection with the joint closing session of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board and the Second Committee. Among other things, the event will include comments on a summary of the panel on the theme "Electronic Commerce", as well as a segment on "Partners for Development", to be introduced by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Rubens Ricupero.

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The 1997 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: 963-2320 or 5973; fax No.: 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open beginning 29 October until 3 November 1997.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 28 October 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room E.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 23 October 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the World Social Summit on Wednesday, 22 October 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Seminar

A Seminar on Accounting for Sustainable Development, organized by the Macroeconomics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Wednesday, 22 October 1997, at 11 a.m. in MD Conference Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Peter Bartelmus, Chief of the Environment, Energy and Industrial Statistics Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division. All interested members of delegations and United Nations staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentation

An informal presentation will be given by Mr. Kemal Dervis, Vice-President, Middle East and North America Regional Office (World Bank), on Thursday, 23 October 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, representatives of the press and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Panels

The New York Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) is organizing two panels in connection with the discussion on drug control and crime prevention and criminal justice in the Third Committee as follows: (a) A panel on "Prisons and Substance Abuse", co-sponsored by the Alliance of Non-governmental Organizations for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, will take place on Monday, 27 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. H.E. Mr. Pino Arlacchi, Under-Secretary-General, will address the panel. The moderator will be Judge Milton Mollen, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety in New York City; (b) There will be a panel discussion on "Drugs in the Workplace and in the Community", co-sponsored by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), on Tuesday, 28 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be moderated by Mr. James O'Hair, Manager of the Employee Assistance Programme at Northrop Grummann. Members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and staff members are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 20 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3824th meeting

The situation in Croatia

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (S/1997/767)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Croatia, Germany and Italy, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/48).

3825th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1997/806) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/806).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/806) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1133 (1977).

The President made a statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Election of the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur

The Chairman made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of Azerbaijan, Chairman of the Group of Eastern European States for the month of October, and Belarus.

By acclamation, the Committee elected Mr. Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat (Indonesia) and Mr. Alejandro Guillermo Verdier (Argentina) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Milos Koterec (Slovak Republic) as Rapporteur.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, hearing statements by the representatives of Mali, the Philippines, Belarus, Ghana, Saudi Arabia, the Niger and Gabon.

SECOND COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it documents A/52/39, A/52/112, A/52/114-E/1997/46, A/52/115-E/1997/47, A/52/300, A/52/318, A/52/400, A/52/402, A/52/413, A/52/431, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/457, A/51/636-E/1996/104 and A/51/655-E/1996/105.

Introductory statements were made by the Chief of the Operational Activities for Development Unit of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, the Principal Officer of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD and the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Paraguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Honduras (for the Central American States)), Tunisia, China, Thailand (also on behalf of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam), Algeria, Guyana, Switzerland, the Republic of Korea, Honduras and Mozambique.

Statements were made by representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Sudan and Indonesia.

13th meeting

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee continued consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, Canada, Egypt, Uruguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay), Nepal, Senegal, the Republic of Moldova, Cuba, Pakistan, Japan, Ethiopia, Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Australia, Singapore, India, Ukraine, Romania, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico and South Africa (also on behalf of Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Malawi, Mauritius, Swaziland, Lesotho, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe).

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on item 99.

Organization of work

The Chairman, at the request of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), and with the agreement of the Committee, granted an extension to Wednesday, 22 October 1997, at 1 p.m. of the deadline for submission of draft proposals submitted under item 95 (a) and (d) and Friday, 24 October, at 1 p.m. for the submission of draft proposals under item 99 (a) and (b).

THIRD COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Advancement of Women [105]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth Conference on Women [106]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, the Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Cyprus), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Zambia (on behalf of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)), Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Mexico, the Netherlands, Japan, Côte d'Ivoire, China, Algeria and Bulgaria.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund.

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions who introduced the report of that Committee (A/51/11 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Cyprus), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Latvia (on behalf of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia), Japan, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Belarus, India, Colombia (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Malaysia, Kuwait, Bangladesh and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 20-24 October.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 1997

886th plenary meeting

At the opening of the session, the Board paid tribute to Mr. Clodimiro Almeyda (Chile), President of UNCTAD III, and H.E. Mr. Hortencio Brillantes (Philippines), President of the Trade and Development Board at its eleventh session.

The forty-fourth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Patrick Sinyinza (Zambia).

Election of officers [1 (a)]

H.E. Mr. Goce Petreski (The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) was elected by acclamation as President.

The Board also elected Mr. Sek Wannamethee (Thailand) as the Rapporteur and the following 10 Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mrs. Anne Anderson (Ireland); Mr. Michael Ray Arietti (United States of America); H.E. Mr. Dhumahdass Baichoo (Mauritius); H.E. Mr. Nacer Benjelloun-Touimi (Morocco); H.E. Mrs. Eveline Herfkens (Netherlands); H.E. Mr. Anthony Hill (Jamaica); H.E. Mr. Gilberto Saboia (Brazil); H.E. Mr. Vasili Sidorov (Russian Federation); H.E. Mr. Bjørn Skogmo (Norway); and H.E. Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran).

The Board elected H.E. Mr. Daniel Bernard (France) as Chairman of Sessional Committee I and H.E. Mrs. A. Aggrey-Orleans (Ghana) as Chairman of Sessional Committee II.

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 1997

887th plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Income distribution and growth in a global context [3]

The Board began its consideration of item 3 with the opening of the general debate. Following an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Peru (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Brazil, Turkey, the United States, Romania, Mexico, Ethiopia, Belarus, India, Senegal and Egypt. The Board thus concluded the general debate under this item.

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 1997

888th plenary meeting

Technical cooperation activities [6]

(a) *Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD*

In considering the above item, the Chairman of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget, thirtieth session which met from 6 to 8 October 1997, reported to the Board on the outcome of its work. Statements were then made by the representatives of Tunisia (on behalf of the African Group), Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group), Norway, Ukraine, Romania, Morocco, the Russian Federation, Peru (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Senegal, Japan and Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries) and the representative of the European Community.

The Board endorsed the agreed conclusions and adopted the draft decision recommended by the Working Party in document TD/B/WP/L.79, and concluded its consideration of this item.

(b) *Consideration of other relevant reports: Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people*

The Board began its consideration of this item with an introductory statement by a representative of the secretariat. Statements were made by the representatives of Palestine, Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group), Pakistan, Tunisia (on behalf of the African Group), Morocco and Egypt.

The Board took note of the secretariat's report contained in document TD/B/44/10 and concluded its consideration of this item.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1997

1616th and 1617th meetings

Opening of the session

The sixty-first session of the Committee was declared open by its Chairperson.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document CCPR/C/126.

Other matters

The Chairperson/Rapporteur of the pre-sessional Working Group reported on the activities of the Working Group that met from 13 to 17 October.

The Committee adopted lists of issues relating to the initial report of Lithuania, the second periodic reports of the Sudan and Jamaica and the fourth periodic reports of Senegal, Iraq and Belarus.

Organizational and other matters [2]

Submission of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [3]

The Committee adopted various decisions relating to agenda items 2 and 3 in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, concluded at New York on 9 May 1992

Ratification: Cyprus (15 October 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Food Day

A special ceremony to mark World Food Day 1997 under the theme "Investing in Food Security" will be held today, 21 October 1997, at 12 noon at the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be addressed by H.E. Sr. Manuel Tello (Mexico), Acting President of the fifty-second Session of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuska, President of the Economic and Social Council; and H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The keynote speaker will be H.E. Mr. René Préval, President of Haiti.

All delegations, members of the Secretariat, the media and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend and to be seated by 11.55 a.m.

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Disarmament Week

The Centre for Disarmament Affairs, in collaborating with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1997 from 21 to 23 October 1997. *Today*, 21 October, the first panel on the theme "Human Development and Disarmament" will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The afternoon panel on the theme "Banning Anti-Personnel Land Mines: The Ottawa Process and Beyond (International Campaign to Ban Landmines - Noble Peace Laureate 1997)" will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from *today*, 21 October, to Friday, 24 October 1997. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters, and other information materials.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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